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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your welcome letter of the 12th. I am happy to say that I have been feeling well and in a good mood, generally. However, I do not allow myself to feel too sanguine about the current resurrgance of interest in the JFK assassination, as I do not want to be bitterly disappointed still another time. I agree with you that the activities of the kooks, nuts, and self-promoters are very dangerous and I hope that you will succeed in stilling them. By all means, do let's get together if you come to New York for the NYU gathering. I have been approached no less than four times, by three individuals, to participate, but have absolutely refused. I have also refused Mark Lane's invitation to serve on the executive board of his new "commission" —in other words, I am staying as removed as possible from the "activists" whose motives and methods are, to say the least, questionable.

I am really sorry to tell you that I did not utilize index cards in constructing the index to Accessories. I used work sheets, then a draft typewritten list, to which I added handwritten entries, then a final typewritten index, after which I discarded all the earlier notes and drafts. Like Humes, alas, I incinerated the working papers, but my reason was the simple lack of space for storage.

I hope that you will find time to visit me when you come to New York, if only to see my cat Mimi, who is really a very special cat. All my best affection, Harold,

As always,

Sylvia